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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8545

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: CABINET AND SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL MEET

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4742

1. THE EMBASSY INFORMED THAT CABINET MET THIS MORNING (NOVEMBER 11). THIS IS THE FIRST FULL CABINET MEETING SINCE OCTOBER 11. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED THAT SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL IS MEETING TODAY.

2. COMMENT: CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ PROBABLY CALLED THE MEETINGS TO TAKE ACTION ON A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS. HE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE CRITICISMS LEVELLED AT THE REGIME BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE POLITICAL PARTIES, THE MEDIA AND OTHER GROUPS. HE HAS ALSO
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PROBABLY BECOME AWARE OF CRITICISM WITHIN THE MILITARY

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SEEMING INDECISION AND
CONFUSION. IN EFFECT, THE CALLING OF THE MEETINGS TO
TAKE ACTION ON GOVERNMENTAL PLANS IS LOPEZ' ATTEMPT TO
REGAIN THE INITIATIVE IN THE FACE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL
ATTACKS.
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